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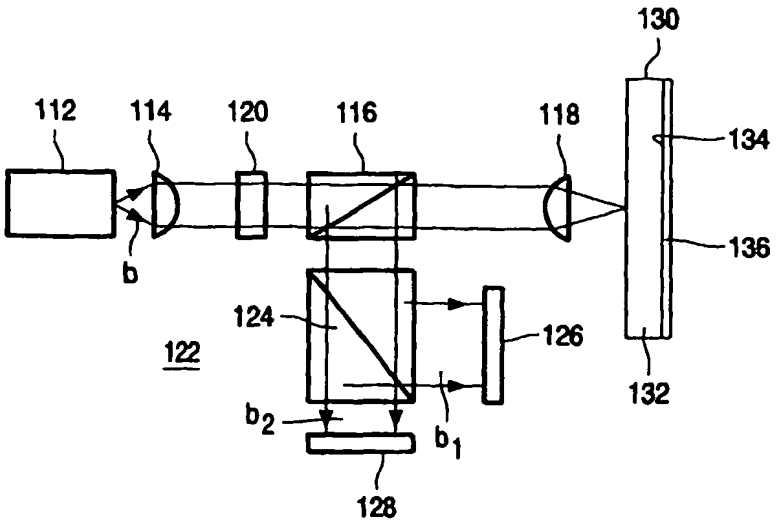

(57) Abstract: The range of spatial frequencies of the information areas in an optical record carrier (130) that can be read by conventional means can be increased substantially by providing the information layer (134) with a birefringent diffraction grating (136) and using a read beam (b) that comprises two mutually perpendicular polarised components (b_1, b_2) only one of which will be diffracted by the grating.

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